

Pylesville Store  
HA 1890

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA 1890

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pylesville Store

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 1003 Old Pylesville Road N/A not for publication

city, town Pylesville vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Harford

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

*N/A - vacated.*

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karl K. Namvary and Mark W. Namvary

street & number 615 S. Union Avenue telephone no.: (410) 939-4300

city, town Havre de Grace state and zip code Maryland, 21078

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber CGH 2005

street & number 20 Courtland Pl. folio 798

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			<u>late 1920's</u>

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This frame store building is located on the east side of Old Pylesville Road, just north of Broad Creek. Built as a commercial structure, the building is a long three bays wide and two bays deep. A remnant sign pole remains in the front of the building, indicating its commercial status. The building's gable roof has a north and south running ridge. A shed roof extension projects the first story main facade westward. Light blue vinyl siding covers all exterior walls. The main building retains its slate roof and has a foundation of coursed field stones. Two internal chimney flues rise from the peak of the main structure, one at the southern end, the other offset to the north from the center of the building.

The extension from the main facade is actually the porch that has been enclosed, as indicated by the tongue and groove decking and the cement block support pilings positioned at the corners of the extension and beside the poured concrete steps. The centrally located main entrance is recessed through this enclosure to the main structure. Double doors with full-length windows and a five-pane transom are the only decorative features to this otherwise austere building. A plain door takes up most of the north end of the extension. The homeliness of the porch enclosure is exacerbated by the boarded windows which span the main facade and flank the entrance in the recessed area walls. Plywood covers long windows of an unknown variety.

Fenestration of the main building is very simple. Each second story bay and each gable is defined by a short 1/1 window. The three western main facade windows stretch across the expansive wall, meeting the shed roof of the porch enclosure. The rear of the building has matching placement of the three windows across the upper story and no windows on the lower level. In addition to the second-story windows, the first-story southern end wall has a standard window in the east bay and a small, high single-pane opening in the west bay.

Two additional entrances exist for the building, each occurring on the end walls. A wood panel basement door is located at the southern end, with a poured concrete ramp leading to it. At the far left of the north wall on the first-story is another, a simple door with a small shed roof.

The building at one time sold fuel in the front of the building. Over the years, the underground tanks leaked and got into the water supply of the building. The tanks have since been removed, however contamination may still be an issue.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce, <i>local</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This store building, built by the Lanius family soon after their acquisition of the Pyle lands in 1903, was the successor to the Pylesville store that had been in existence since Nathan Pyle established his grocery early in the 19th century. Nathan Pyle, a Virginian, settled in the area about 1778 and established a gristmill and the original store nearby. The earlier store sold everything from animals to furniture to farm equipment and housed the post office as early as 1868.<sup>1</sup> The Lanius' most likely maintained the old store until this "modern" structure was built.

During the Ma & Pa era, Pylesville was a regular stop twice a day, and the so-named "Pylesville Store" thrived as a commercial venture, selling food supplies, clothing and shoes. As documented by the Harford County Historical Society, this building housed the Pylesville post office from 1920 to 1963.<sup>2</sup> Prosperity and growth required the rebuilding and widening of Pylesville Road (now Old Pylesville Road) in 1929, necessitating the move of Lanius' new store building out of the road path. The original site of this store building was approximately thirty feet to the west of the present location.

<sup>1</sup>A documented in Betty Ann Greider's essay, The History of Pylesville. Circa 1962.

<sup>2</sup>Harford Historical Bulletin, Harford County Historical Society. 1993.



PYLESVILLE STORE  
Title Search

CGH 2005/798	August 19, 1993	Grantor: Robert M. and Nancy E. Huddleston Grantee: Karl K. and Mark W. Namvary Acreage: .47
CGH 1846/98	August 3, 1992	Grantor: Patrick P. Spicer (assignee) and Robert M. Huddleston Grantee: Robert M. and Nancy E. Huddleston (as substitute purchaser for Karl Namvary) Acreage: .47
CGH 1268/233	March 29, 1985	Grantor: Karl Namvary Grantee: Avinash Patel (who defaults here) Acreage: .47
HDC 1214/105	January 3, 1984	Grantor: Perry Namvary Grantee: Karl K. Namvary Acreage: .47
HDC 1142/780	May 11, 1981	Grantor: A. George and Deborah L. Eney Grantee: Karl K. Namvary and Perry Namvary Acreage: .47
HDC 885/661	November 5, 1971	Grantor: R. Walter and Catherine B. Pruitt Grantee: Ansley G. and Deborah L Eney Acreage: .47
GRG 595/360	June 23, 1963	Grantor: John H. and Helen L. Lanius Grantee: R. Walter and Catherine B. Pruitt Acreage: .47
DGW 216/444	October 9, 1930	Grantor: Harry F. Kilburn (widower) Grantee: J. Henry and Adelaide F. Lanius Acreage: 124.41
DGW 216/442	October 2, 1930	Grantor: J. Henry and Adelaide Lanius Grantee: Harry F. Kilburn (widower) Acreage: 124.41 (3.58 acres less the original 128, some small lots sold by J. Henry Lanius, DGW 198/340, DGW 189/307, DGW 216/62, JAR 176/397)

JAR 176/383	January 21, 1922	Grantor: J. Springer Lanius et al (interest of James B. Stansbury via mesne deed, WSF 108/342) Grantee: J. Henry Lanius Granted: 1/2 interest of 2 tracts totalling 128 acres; the Pylesville Mill Property (12 acres) and tract of 116 acres
WSF 109/138	April 1, 1903	Grantor: Edward E. Pyle Grantee: J. Henry Lanius and James B. Stansbury Acreage: 116
WSF 109/136	April 1, 1903	Grantor: Thomas L. Pyle et al. Grantee: J. Henry Lanius and James B. Stansbury Acreage: 12, the Pylesville Mill Property
WSF 74/488	September 26, 1892	Grantor: Edward E. Pyle Grantee: David L. Pyle Granted: 1/2 interest of Pylesville Mill Property
WSF 74/280	July 18, 1892	Grantor: Stevenson Williams and Thomas Robinson (trustees, as assigned in Equity Case Hannah G. and John Ramsey v. Phoebe J. Pyle et al., November 10, 1891) Grantee: Edward E. Pyle Acreage: 125
ALJ 67/483	May 6, 1890	Grantor: Margaret C. Pyle et al. Grantee: Edward E. Pyle Acreage: 3
ALJ 64/338	March 27, 1883	Mortgage Grantor: John H. Price (trustee, as decided in Equity case Samuel M. Bayless et al v. Bettie M. Bayless) Mortgage Grantee: Margaret C. Pyle et al. Acreage: 125
Will Records WSR 9/291	February 13, 1880	Nathan Pyle, Jr. devises property to his wife, Margaret C. Pyle.
ALJ 9/158	June 16, 1857	Grantor: Nathan and Grace Pyle Grantee: Nathan I. Pyle, Jr. Granted: all of tracts called "Pine Grove", "Wright's View", "The Little Pine Hill", "Trapezium". Also imparted were the lands sold by to Nathan Pyle by Samuel Brown and partial pieces of tracts called "Genoa" and "Independence"

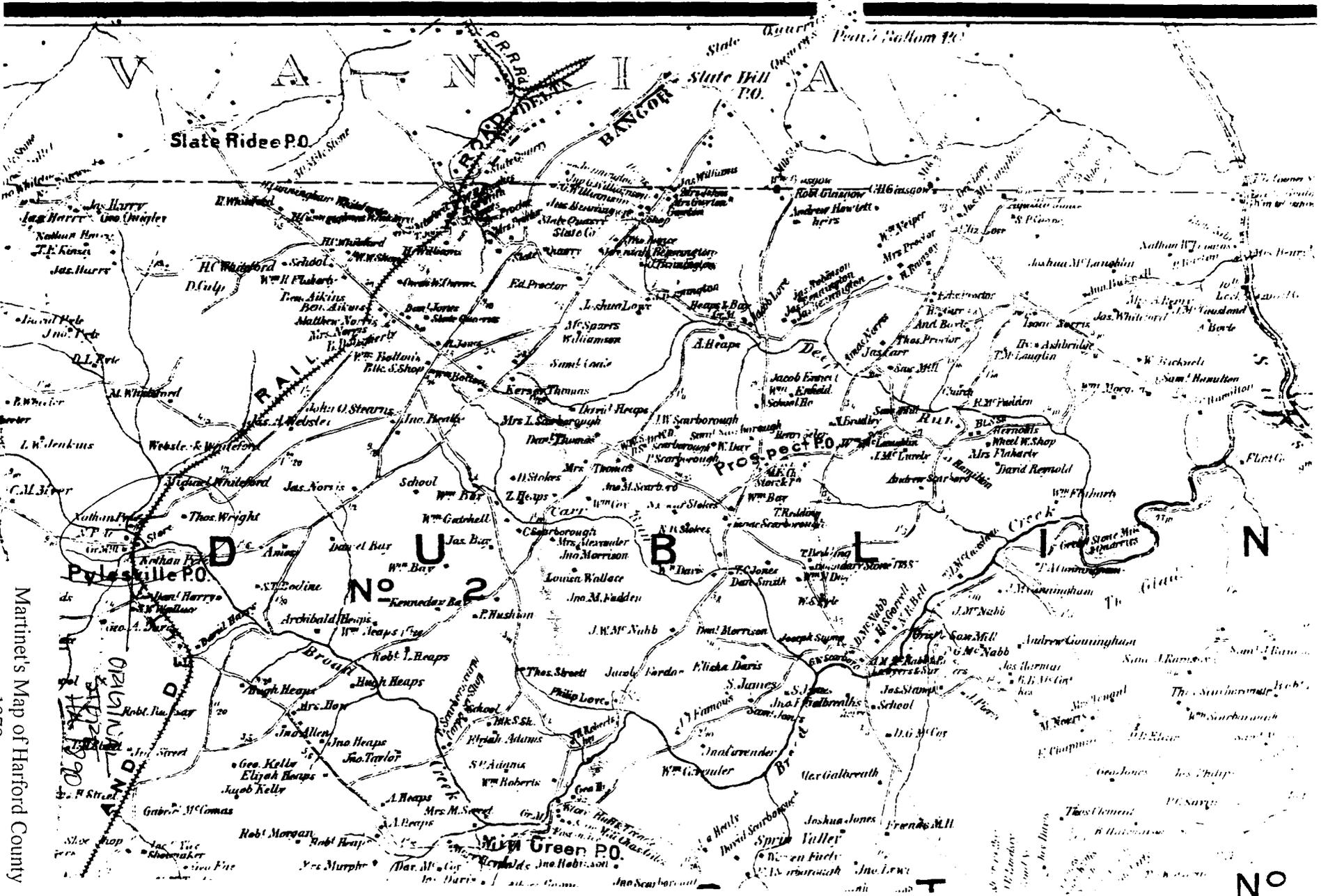
HD 26/217	April 1, 1842	Grantor: Amos and Jane Carmen Grantee: Nathan Pyle Granted: 120 acres of tracts "Genoa" and "Independence"
HD 26/177	March 1, 1842	Grantor: Dr. St. Clair Street and wife, Ariel Grantee: Amos and Jane Carmen Granted: 119 acres of "Genoa" and "Independence"
HD 16/105	March 26, 1833	Grantor: Samuel Brown et al. Grantee: Nathan Pyle Granted: "Trapezium", 19 and 1/2 acres
HD 16/103	March 26, 1833	Grantor: Samuel Brown et al. Grantee: Nathan Pyle Granted: "The Little Pine Grove", 13 and 3/4 acres
HD 8/232	April 20, 1825	Grantor: Samuel and Elizabeth Brown Grantee: Nathan Pyle Granted: 35 and 1/2 perches, for the purpose of conveying the water and rights of Broad Creek of Nathan Pyle's Mill
HD 5/391	July 30, 1822	Grantor: John Wright Grantee: Nathan Pyle Granted: 13 acres and 21 perches of "Wright's View", which John Wright acquired from a Maryland patent in 1787
HD W/393	March 5, 1812	Granted: Michael Whiteford Grantor: Nathan Pyle Granted: "Pine Grove", 32 and 1/2 acres

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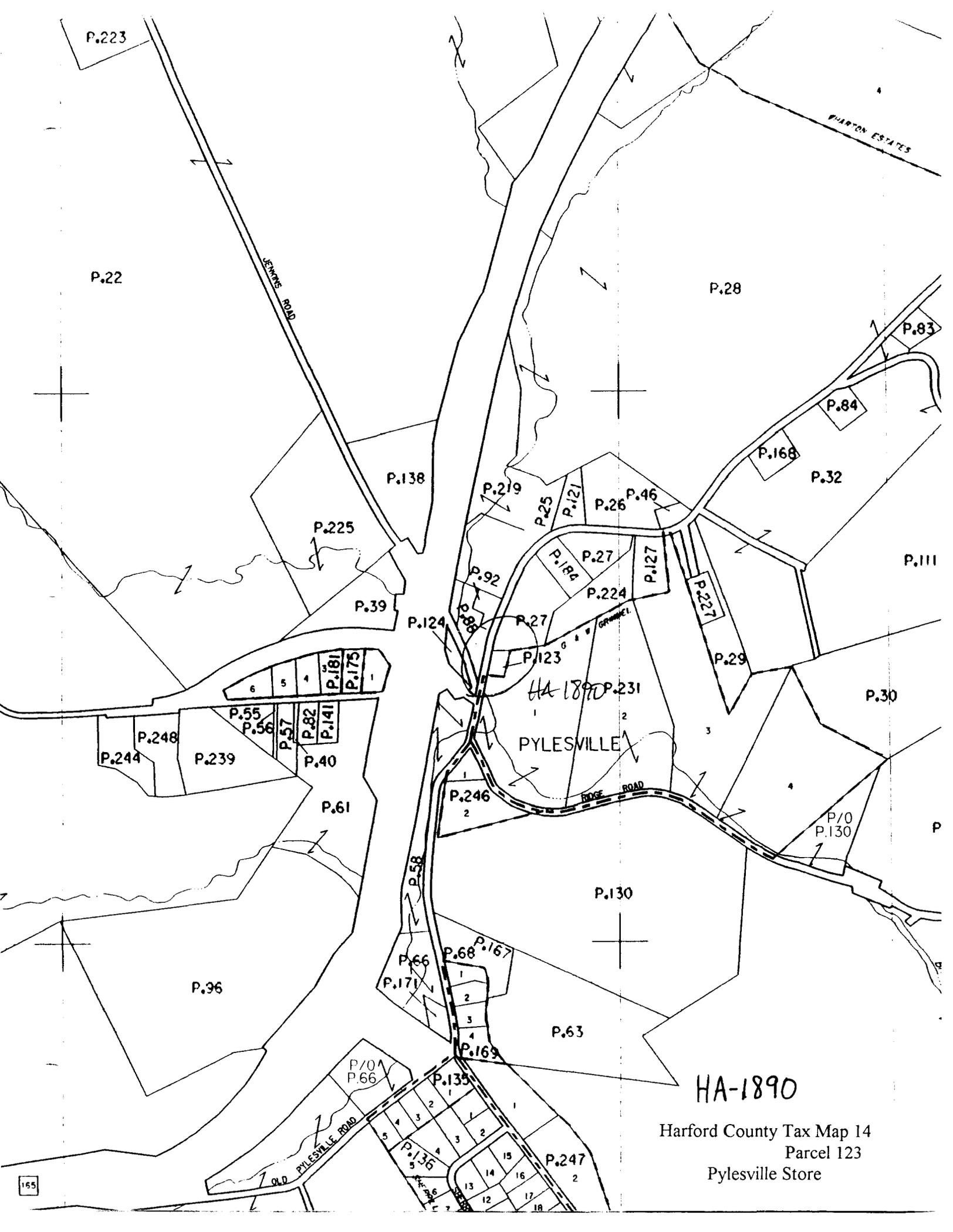


(Shows original Pylesville Store)

Martinet's Map of Harford County

1878

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Harford County Tax Map 14  
Parcel 123  
Pylesville Store

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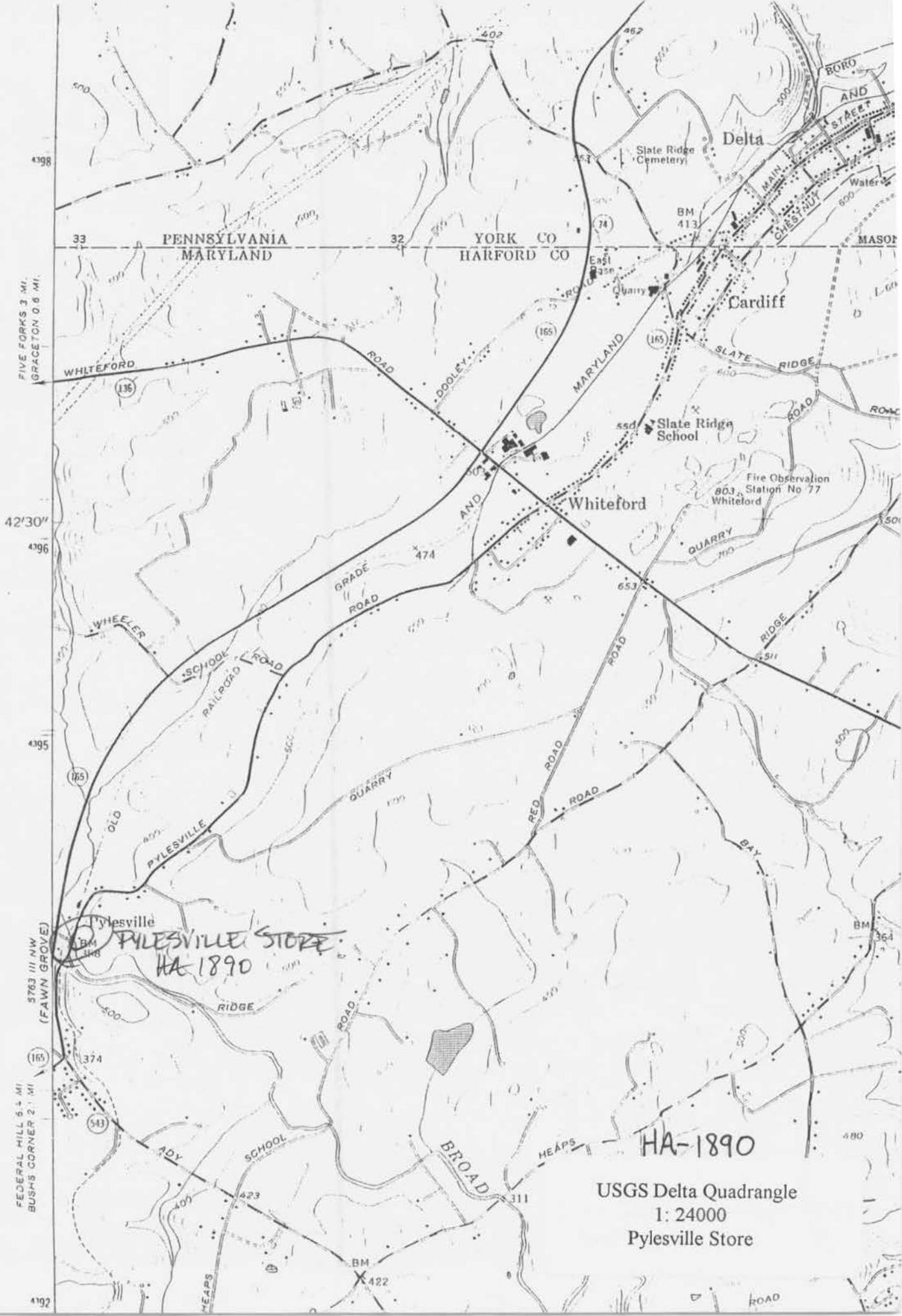
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OLD PYLESVILLE ROAD





4398  
FIVE FORKS 3 MI.  
GRACEY CN 0.6 MI.  
42'30"  
4396  
4395  
4392

5763 III NW  
(FAWN GROVE)  
FEDERAL HILL 6.5 MI  
BUSH'S CORNER 2 MI

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

YORK CO  
HARFORD CO

Delta

Cardiff

Whiteford

Pylesville  
PYLESVILLE STORE  
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USGS Delta Quadrangle  
1:24000  
Pylesville Store



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Piper - de - Stone

Harriet's Cove, ...

Box ...

Apr 1995

MHT

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Bel Air

~~Chesapeake Bay ...~~

~~View East ...~~

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Pylesville Store

Harford County, Maryland

Danvers Hill

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> MHT, Maryland = PE  
~~Chris Webb Department of Planning & Survey, Baltimore~~  
is northeast from the elevation of the  
National Pipe Line =

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TA 1790

Hydrographic

Survey of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland

Drawn by T. Blair

1855 Maryland State

~~Chesapeake Department of Planning - State, Port Air~~

View east from the Polesville Island

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